19-655 Louisiana Special Education Center

The mission of the Louisiana Special Education Center (LSEC) is to provide special education programs and related services maximizing each student's potential toward successful integration into the mainstream of society.

The goals of the LSEC are:

- 1. Assure that all students at the facility will receive quality special education services through programmatic, functional activities.
- 2. Assure that all residential students at the facility receive quality intermediate care through programmatic, functional activities.

LSEC has three programs: Administration/Support Services Program, Instructional Services Program, and the Residential Services Program.

The Louisiana Special Education Center was established by Act 290 during the regular session of the 1948 State Legislature. The center is a special school under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and is licensed as an Intermediate Care Facility for Handicapped (ICF-H) participating in the Medical Assistance Program, also known as Title XIX (of the Social Security Act) or Medicaid.

The center is a small sized urban facility serving seventy-five (75) developmentally delayed, mentally disabled and severely orthopedically challenged residential students ages 3 through 30 years and currently 2 non-residential students residing in Rapides Parish. All programs and services are individually developed and delivered in a very "normalized" manner integrated with community interaction and involvement.

Our residential, community-based facility is a viable and essential placement alternative in the delivery of service options. In this context, it is of grave importance to recognize that there is a need for the Louisiana Special Education Center to serve as a vital place and purpose in the special education delivery model continuum. To this endeavor, educational practices and treatment procedures have been implemented commensurate with the most promising quality indicators germane to the students being served in a residential milieu.

BUDGET SUMMARY

DECOMMENDED

						RECOMMENDED
	ACTUAL	ACT 10	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	OVER/(UNDER)
	1998-1999	1999- 2000	1999-2000	2000 - 2001	2000 - 2001	EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$1,431,477	\$1,508,946	\$1,508,946	\$1,573,040	\$1,641,436	\$132,490
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	5,300,283	5,541,571	5,541,571	5,360,441	5,307,533	(234,038)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	13,382	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	63,750	63,750
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$6,745,142	\$7,060,517	\$7,060,517	\$6,943,481	\$7,022,719	(\$37,798)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration/Support Services	\$1,831,417	\$1,936,377	\$1,936,377	\$1,691,998	\$1,609,711	(\$326,666)
Instructional Services	2,178,505	2,262,961	2,262,961	2,339,886	2,600,914	337,953
Residential Services	2,735,220	2,861,179	2,861,179	2,911,597	2,812,094	(49,085)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$6,745,142	\$7,060,517	\$7,060,517	\$6,943,481	\$7,022,719	(\$37,798)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	135	143	143	143	143	0
Unclassified	42	42	42	42	42	0
TOTAL	177	185	185	185	185	0

This agency's recommended appropriation does not include any funds for short-term debt.

In addition to the above recommended appropriation, \$77,296 will be paid in Fiscal Year 2000-2001 for long-term debt incurred on behalf of this agency from the previous sale of bonds. Total long-term debt service payments for the state for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 are reflected in the Governor's Executive Budget Supporting Document in Non-Appropriated Requirements, Schedule 22-922.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and/or the Teachers' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct) \$ 68,730
State General Fund by:
Interagency Transfers 241,212

Total \$309,942